

Morning Highlights

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ACRES BURNED IN ALASKA

So far this year, 488 fires have burned roughly 384,050 acres statewide. The Alaska National Parks summary explains that "fires burn at different intensities and in mosaic patterns, thus not all the acres listed are blackened forests. Some areas within fire perimeters are black but others are orange (lower intensity burns) and some areas are green." Please visit the full news release, if you have not already done so, at: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/flash/Alaska%20National%20Parks-%20After%20fire,%20a%20different%20forest.pdf>

AWFCG MEETING

Members of the Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (AWFCG) will convene tomorrow in Fairbanks for their quarterly meeting. The AWFCG represents Federal, State and Native landowners in Alaska. The group's mission is to provide a forum that fosters cooperation, coordination, collaboration and communication for wildland fire management and related-activities within the state.

NATIONAL WILDLAND FIRE INFORMATION

Wildland fires remain active throughout the western states. During the last few days, approximately 140 new fires ignited in the southern states as well. Montana and Idaho remain the most active with 31 large fires burning a total of 1,137,717 acres. Information taken directly from: http://www.nifc.gov/fire_info/nfn.htm

Daily statistics 8/21/07		
Number of new large fires	3	States currently reporting large fires:
Number of active large fires	50	Alaska (1)
Acres from active fires	1,782,382	California (1)
Number of Wildland Fire Use (WFU) fires	6	Florida (1)
Number of Wildland Fire Use (WFU) acres	101,119	Idaho (16)
Fires contained on 8/20/07	3	Michigan (1)
Year-to-date large fires contained	693	Montana (19)
		Nevada (2)
		North Carolina (1)
		North Dakota (1)
		Oregon (4)
		Utah (2)
		Virginia (1)
		Washington (2)
		Wyoming (4)

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov>
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov>

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